

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 584
By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Robert H. Haralson, III, on receiving the Blount Memorial Foundation Distinguished Service Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community and professional leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Dr. Robert H. Haralson, III, of Maryville, who was recently named the recipient of the Blount Memorial Foundation Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding contributions to Blount Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, a native Tennessean, Dr. Robert H. Haralson, III, is a graduate of Tennessee Military Institute and the University of Tennessee; he obtained his medical degree from the University of Tennessee Medical School in 1963; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Haralson completed his medical internship at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, and performed his surgical residencies in Memphis, pursuing General Surgery at Kennedy Veterans Hospital and Orthopaedic Surgery at Campbell Clinic; and

WHEREAS, from 1969-1971, Dr. Haralson completed his military requirements in the United States Army at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he ably served as Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery from 1970-71; and

WHEREAS, returning to his hometown of Maryville as its first orthopaedist, Dr. Haralson founded the highly successful Maryville Orthopaedic Clinic in 1971. Merging with three other practices around the area to form the Southeastern Orthopaedics in 1998, the practice now comprises 42 physicians; and

WHEREAS, while serving as Medical Director and practicing orthopaedic surgeon for Southeastern Orthopaedics, Dr. Haralson returned to the University of Tennessee in 1998 and completed his Master of Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, after practicing as a board certified orthopaedic surgeon for more than 25 years, Dr. Haralson accepted the position of Executive Director of Medical Affairs at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons; he now oversees the departments of Academic Affairs, Research and Scientific Affairs, Public Education and Media Relations and Socioeconomic and State Society Affairs regarding healthy policy; and

WHEREAS, respected for his wisdom and experience, Dr. Haralson is the past president of both the Clinical Orthopaedic Society and the American Academy of Disability Evaluating Physicians. He served for five years on the AAOS Board of Directors, where he stood as Chairman of the Board of Councilors as well as Treasurer for three years; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated physician and ardent supporter of Blount Memorial, Dr. Haralson's lengthy relationship with the hospital over the years includes service as both Chief of Surgery and Chief of Staff and the dedicated contributions he made as an important member of numerous committees; and

WHEREAS, an acclaimed surgeon, Dr. Haralson has shared his talent and skills both as the author of numerous published works and in teaching assignments. He has taught internationally on the use of the AMA guides and the place of computers in medicine, CPT, disability medicine and practice management; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Haralson is especially thankful for the love and support of his wife, Antoinieta Bulnes Heird, his children, Shannon Haralson Chierlchella, David Hatton Haralson, and Robert Hatton Haralson, IV, and his stepchildren, Edna Maria Heird and Robert Carroll Heird; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dr. Robert H. Haralson, III, for his dedication to Blount Memorial Hospital and the citizens of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Dr. Robert H. Haralson, III, on receiving the Blount Memorial Foundation Distinguished Service Award, salute his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.